

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 200
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A RESOLUTION supporting the goals of the President's Summit
for America's Future.

WHEREAS, a bipartisan President's Summit for America's Future has been called by
President Clinton and former President Bush for April 27-29 in Philadelphia with support from all
the former living Presidents; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Summit is to mobilize millions of citizens and thousands
of organizations from all sectors in order to ensure that all of our youth have access to five
fundamental resources that can help them lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives:

- * An ongoing relationship with a caring adult or mentor;
- * Safe places to learn and grow;
- * A healthy start;
- * A marketable skill through effective education;
- * An opportunity to give back through community service.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has supported numerous public
initiatives over the years aimed at these very goals, and sees community service and
volunteerism as a necessary part of any solutions to community problems; and

WHEREAS, many organizations have made national commitments toward Summit goals
which may be carried out in Tennessee, including AT&T, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Columbia
Healthcare Corporation, First Union Corporation, General Electric, Honeywell, IBM, Kimberly-

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Clark Corporation, LensCrafters, NationsBank, Pfizer, Pillsbury, Prudential, Shell Oil, Sun Microsystems, Taco Bell Foundation, Volunteer Centers, Walt Disney Company, the YMCA of the USA and many others; and

WHEREAS, the bipartisan Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service created by Executive Order in 1994 is working to support service as a means of community problem-solving through a variety of initiatives, including full and part-time service corps through AmeriCorps and youth volunteerism that reinforces academic learning through hands-on community service; and

WHEREAS, an estimated four million Tennesseans already volunteer their time to help others through countless local organizations and individual efforts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has been invited by Summit General Chairman Colin Powell to send a delegation of citizens to find out more about this historic initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee delegation will be led by Governor Don Sundquist and include approximately 35 citizens from across the state who have already been selected by United Way, Points of Light and Corporation for National Service convening committees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Tennessee General Assembly hereby expresses its support of the goals of the President's Summit for America's Future and its appreciation of commitments to reach those goals from organizations and individuals in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee General Assembly congratulates those delegates who will represent the Volunteer State in Philadelphia and bring back ideas and resources for the benefit of Tennessee youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Assembly encourages every state agency to work with the Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service to maximize the

resources available to achieve public purposes through volunteerism and corporate commitments generated by the Summit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.